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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 28509

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, PLO, XF, FR

SUBJECT: PLO TO OPEN OFFICE IN PARIS

REF: A) PARIS 26332; B) PARIS 28136 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. THE GOF GRANTED AUTHORIZATION OCTOBER 31 FOR THE
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PLO TO OPEN AN INFORMATION AND LIAISON OFFICE IN

PARIS. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE LEVANT SERVANT TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE OFFICE WILL NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS, THAT THE QUESTION HAD BEEN UNDER STUDY FOR SOME TIME (SEE REF A) AND THAT THE DECISION WAS TAKEN ABOUT OCTOBER 30 BY GISCARD HIMSELF. SERVANT CLAIMED THAT THERE IS NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO THE TIMING OF THE FRENCH MOVE.

COMMENT: AS INDICATED IN REF B AND OTHER EMBASSY REPORTING, THE FRENCH BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE THE PLO A ROLE IN THE ME NEGOTIATING PROCESS NOW IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN "MODERATE" PLO LEADERS AND TO MOVE BEYOND THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE OFFICE SERVES THAT AIM AS WELL AS THE CONTINUING FRENCH DESIRE TO REMAIN IN THE VANQUARD OF THE ARABS' FRIENDS IN THE WEST. THE TIMING, JUST FOLLOWING SADAT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND THE AMIR OF QATAR'S TO FRANCE AND AT THE OPENING OF THE UN PALESTINIAN DEBATE, COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN BETTER.

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